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Utah Public Service Commission
Heber M. Wells Building
160 East 300 South
Salt Lake City, UT 84114

RE: Docket Number 11-097-03

Dear Sir/Madam:

Regarding the above matter, it is acknowledged that while a reasonable increase in rates is warranted for Mountain Sewer, we are opposed to any special assessment or interim rate increase that attempts to recoup funds that stem from the prior ownership of Mountain Sewer.

Our main thrust is to challenge the special assessment and interim rate increase. The committee members feel it is outrageous that Mountain Sewer is trying to recoup funds with a special assessment that should have been paid by the previous owner of Mountain Sewer.

Significant changes requested in the rate case are:

- A \$57.06 proposed monthly sewer fee, this is a **159.4% increase** over the current \$22 monthly rate.
- They have added new charges for \$24.40 a month for standby fees for non-connected lots, there is no charge now.
- They have asked that the single Connection fee be raised from \$3,000 to \$5,000 per connection.
- They have added a new hookup fee of \$300
- They have added a new turn on fee of \$100

- They have also asked for that these same rates be granted as an interim rate increase to take effect in 45 days.
- They have asked that the late fee of 18% be continued.
- They have requested a special assessment of \$1,300 from each customer (127 or \$165,000) for costs incurred.

We are also opposed to the customers paying for any legal fees related to the sale of the utilities or the formal complaint filed regarding service and billing problems. All of the service problems identified in our formal complaint have been validated and our position is that the customers should not be held responsible for Mountain Sewer's legal fees associated with the complaint.

Sincerely yours,



Richard B. Powell & Anna Wilson